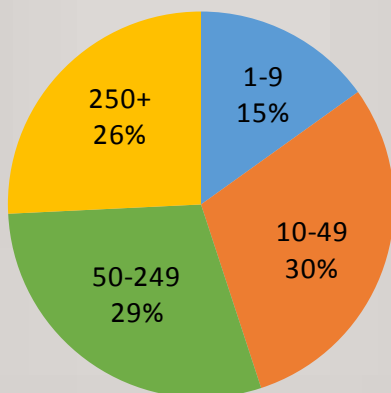


# 2016 Missouri Businesses by Size



## Percentage of Employment by Business Size

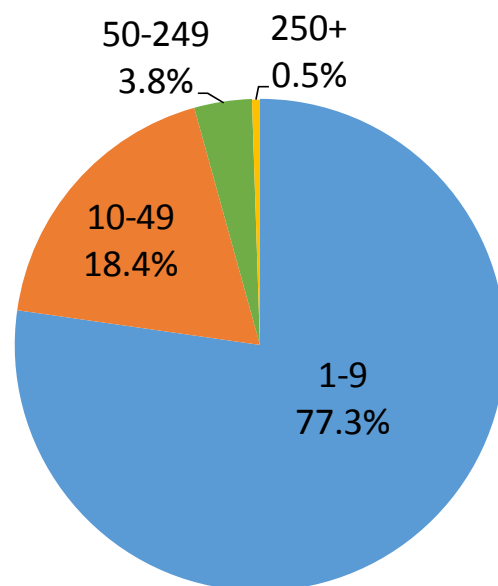
Small businesses in Missouri employ a large part of the private sector workforce. 45% of private sector employees work for a small business (less than 50 employees). Medium sized businesses (50-249 employees) employ 29% of the private sector workforce, while large employers (250 or more) employ 26%.



## Number of Businesses by Size

Missouri had 183,333 private sector employers in 2016. Very small businesses comprised a majority of this total, with 77% of Missouri businesses employing less than ten people. Firms employing 1 to 49 workers made up 96% of all businesses in Missouri.

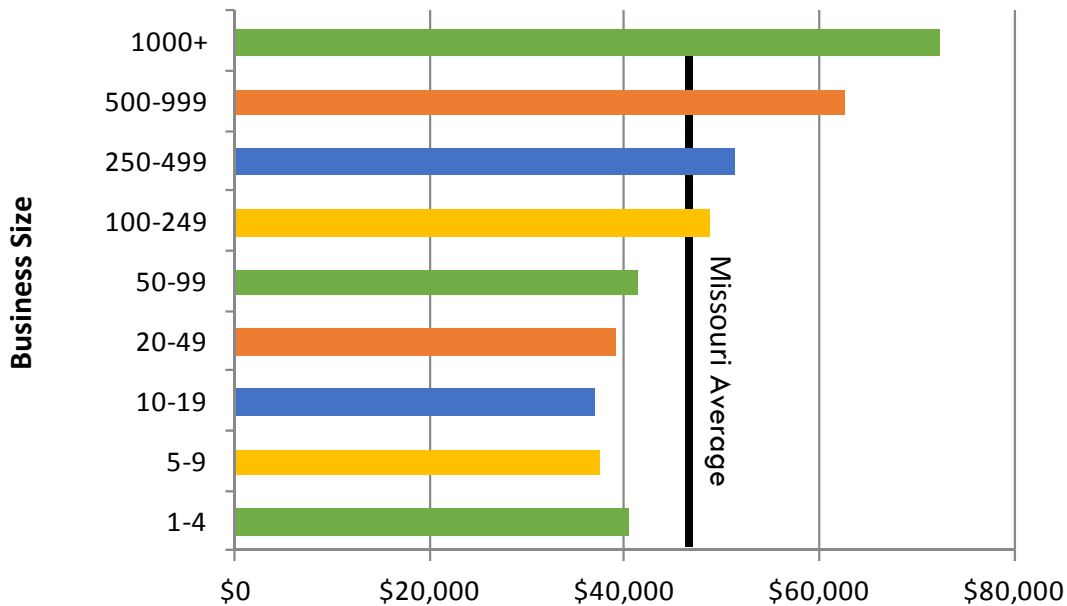
Number of Employees	Number of Businesses
1-4	113,730
5-9	27,900
10-19	19,898
20-49	13,905
50-99	4,567
100-249	2,374
250-499	642
500-999	213
1000+	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183,333</b>



## Wages by Business Size

Wages were calculated using 1st quarter data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average annual wage in Missouri for 2016, regardless of business size, was \$47,638. Wages were highest at businesses that employed 1,000 or more people with average wages equaling \$72,176. Establishments that employed 10 to 19 people had the lowest average wage at \$36,712.

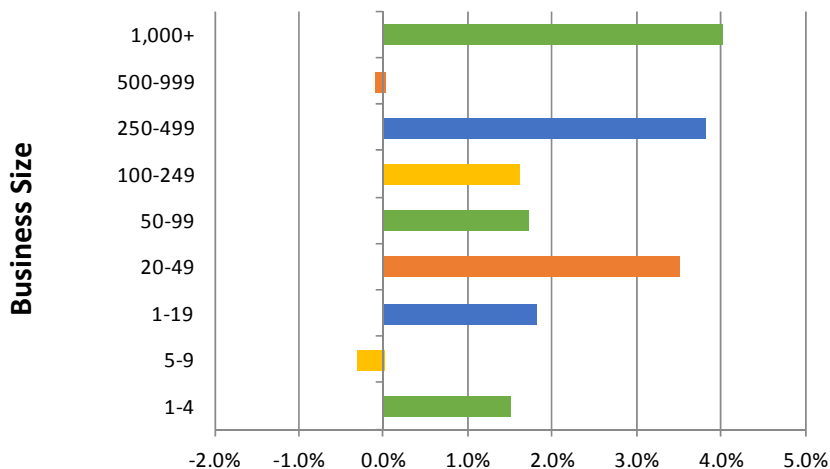
**Average Wages by Business Size**



## 2016 Employment Trends by Business Size

Employment levels were calculated using 1st quarter data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Most business sizes experienced an increase in employment numbers except two. Businesses that ranged from 500 to 999 and 5-9 experienced a reduction by -0.1 percent and -0.3 percent, respectively. The largest growth in 2016 was with businesses that employed over 1,000 people, which experienced a 4.0 percent increase from 2015 to 2016. Overall, Missouri businesses added 47,112 employees in 2016.

**Employment Change from 2015 to 2016 by Business Size**

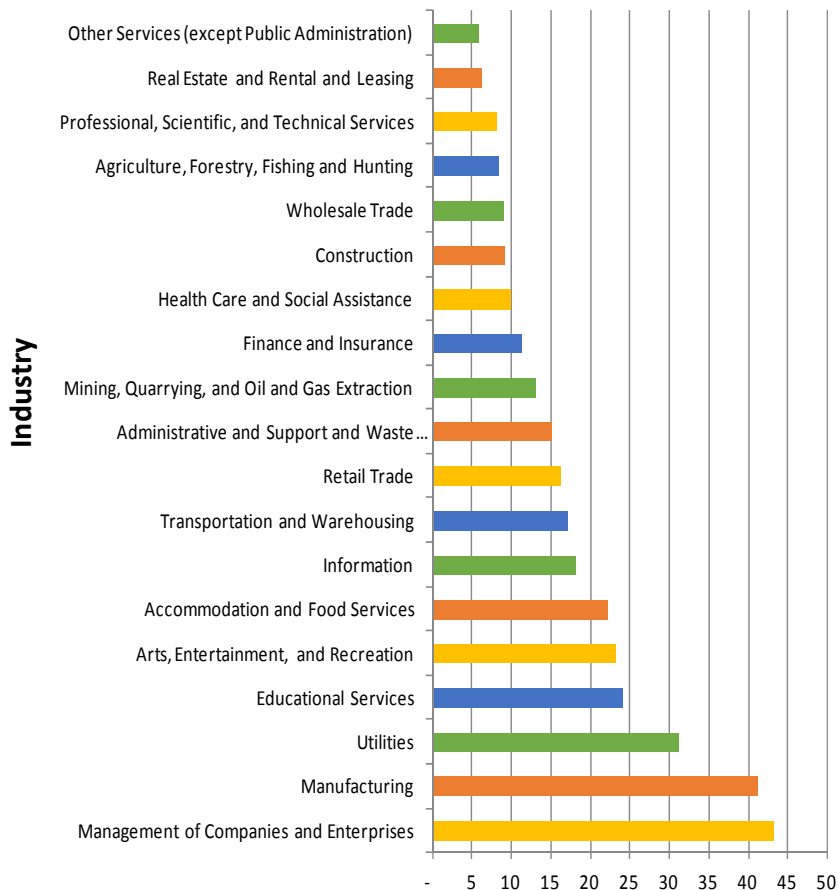


Business Size	Employment Change 2015-2016
1000+	8,873
500-999	-179
250-499	7,956
100-249	5,477
50-99	5,059
20-49	13,779
10-19	4,826
5-9	-503
1-4	1,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,112</b>

## Average Size of Business by Industry

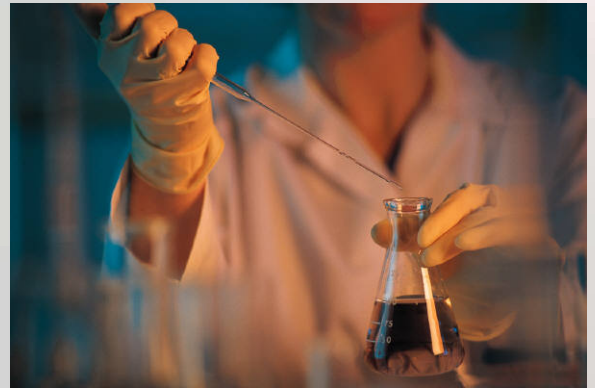
The average business size in Missouri was 13 employees. Three industries had an average employment of 30 or more. The *Management of Companies* industry had the largest average size with 43 workers per business. *Manufacturing* and *Utilities* were industries that also had high average employment with 41 and 31 workers per business, respectively. *Other Services* and *Real Estate* industries had the lowest average employment, each with 6 workers per business.

## Average Employment per Industry



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The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) monitors business sizes through unemployment insurance accounts established in the state. This allows MERIC to gauge the number of businesses by size, industry, and wages.

Business data is derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and state labor market information centers that monitors employing businesses.

Non-employer businesses, such as sole proprietors, are monitored through a U.S. Census program that uses administrative data, chiefly IRS returns, to develop statistics. Non-employer businesses account for less than 4 percent of all sales but do account for the largest number of businesses. More information is available at:

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